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## **Safety Inspection Leads to 1844lbs of Marijuana**

On April 21, 2006 the Washington State Patrol and Commercial Vehicle Division personnel were conducting commercial vehicle safety inspections at the Stanwood scale house. At 3:47 p.m., a tractor-trailer combination was stopped for a safety inspection. During the safety inspection the trailer was placed Out Of Service for a safety violation. The trailer was left at the scale house in a parking stall, while the driver was released with the tractor.

At 5:21 p.m. a large box truck was stopped for a safety inspection. The box truck proceeded to park next to the trailer that was previously placed Out Of Service. During the inspection the two passengers were identified and arrested- one for a misdemeanor warrant, the other for a misdemeanor marijuana possession. A subsequent K9 search on the exterior of the Box truck was conducted. During the search, the K9 showed an interest to the trailer that was beside the Box truck. The interest resulted with a positive alert, indicating the presence of narcotics.

The Snohomish County Regional Drug Task Force was called for assistance and further prepared a search warrant for the out-of-service trailer. The search warrant was obtained and served. The search resulted in 1,844 pounds of marijuana found concealed in false compartments within the load on the trailer. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Snohomish County Regional Drug Task Force.

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